

REMARKS

On April 19, 2007, the undersigned conducted an interview with the Examiner wherein the Examiner indicated that claims 1-7 and 12 are allowable. Thus, the Examiner requested that Applicants cancel claims 8-11 to place the application in condition for allowance. Apparently, there was a miscommunication between the undersigned and the Examiner regarding Applicants' decision to cancel claims 8-11, as requested. As a result, an Office Action dated June 15, 2007, was issued containing a five-way restriction requirement.

In a recent telephone conference with the Examiner, the Examiner confirmed that if Applicants elect to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-6 would be allowed and, by virtue of their dependency from claim 1, claims 7 and 12 would likely be rejoined and allowed as well.

Based on the foregoing, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention of Group I, without traverse. Applicants have canceled claims 8-11 from the application, leaving only claims 1-7 and 12 pending. For the above reasons, it is submitted that these claims are allowable.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT
Application No.: 10/523,075

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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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